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Robbo to the rescue . . .

Anthony Roberts on a roll!

Lane Cove MP Anthony Roberts is meeting the local community's urgent need - for toilet paper!

The intrepid local politician flushed out a toilet paper supplier in Wollongong last week and took a truck down there to grab as many rolls possible to distribute to local people in need as part of community care packages.

These packages are being distributed to elderly and other socially isolated people across the Lane Cove Electorate today by Sydney Community Services, St Vinnies and RSL club members.

DETAILS SEE INSIDE

JB's World

EASTER THIS Year will be like no other that any of us can remember or will want to live through again in the future.
Let us hope and pray that we will soon come out the other end unscathed and prepared to care for each other as we face a brighter tomorrow.

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Cathie's Column

A Very Different Easter Time for all of us . . . . .

Easter this weekend will be like no other that any of us living today have ever experienced.

For those of us who celebrate the "Reason for the Season" of the crucifixion and rising again of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World it will certainly be like none other ever before when worshippers are forbidden by the State to attend church!

Although our Roman Catholic friends will say this is not so unique as the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney reminds us in his message on this page.

Others will miss the secular public entertainments such as and especially the Sydney Royal Easter Show which normally attracts nearly a million visitors each year.

And locally TWT readers have enjoyed the TWT West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair for the past 27 years initiated by The Weekly Times which normally would have been enjoyed last Saturday.

Let's hope that it won't be too long before we can return to normality and harmony. Meanwhile best wishes for the Season this weekend to one and all from Cathie's Column.

Easter with closed churches

Catholic Archbishop recalls when Mass was forbidden

EACH EASTER The Weekly Times publishes a message by a local Christian leader.

This year the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney - Anthony Fisher OP - writes about the impact of the virus and how it is an opportunity for the Christian faith to shine as it did in convict times, when civic authorities forbade the public celebration of Mass.

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ," he writes. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all in this time of pandemic.

"As priests bid farewell to parishioners there have been tears and bewilderment.

"Even as the Church co-operates with public health authorities to ensure the safety of all, we will do our best to keep in touch and maintain - even increase - our prayer on behalf of all, our healthcare, education and welfare services, and especially our pastoral care.

"I truly believe this is the time for us to shine as a Church."

Archbishop Fisher recalled the early convict days when Mass was forbidden in Sydney by the colonial authorities.

"As you know, we have done our best to maintain the availability of the Mass for as long as possible but as I noted in my pastoral letter of March 18, the Church in Australia was founded at a time when the Mass could not be celebrated on these shores.

"Following the most recent advice from the commonwealth and state governments it may seem that we are again in that situation.

"But where our forefathers and mothers waited for years to receive the Holy Eucharist, it will be at worst a matter of months for us.

"But just as prayer sustained them through those times, so can it for us today.

"The spirit of those first Australian Catholics should inspire us through the times ahead."

He said the aged, sick and frail are worthy of special concern this Easter.

"In my Pastoral Letter I emphasised the importance of caring for the frail, the elderly and isolated as our community faces the deep challenges posed by the pandemic.

" To help these people in need, the Archdiocese is working alongside CatholicCare to roll out a volunteer program to help the needy access groceries, cooked meals, medicine and other necessities at this difficult time.

"I exhort priests and lay faithful to engage in regular prayer and fasting for those who die, fall sick or are at risk from COVID-19, for those caring for the sick, seeking a cure and leading us through this crisis.

"Priests may offer privately the Mass for the Sick, the Mass for Any Need or a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes.

"Priests should as far as possible ring their parishioners to check in on how they are faring.

"Parishes might also consider organising a parish online rosary or prayer group.

" The Holy Father (Pope Francis) and the Bishops Conference are announcing regular times that we might pray together for these intentions.

"Though our priests can no longer celebrate Mass *with* their people, they can and should celebrate Mass *for* their people.

" Priests are exhorted to celebrate daily Mass on behalf of their people wherever public Masses are restricted and churches closed.

"The challenge for the whole church at present, including for parish priests, is to apply pastoral creativity and prudence so as to ensure that our pastoral care increases rather than decreases in this time of crisis.

"I continue to entrust you, our Archdiocese and our nation to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

"Let us pray: O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all.

"Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

Why we need to fear the virus

Father Martin R Maunsell of St Kevin's Church Eastwood writes:

Father Martin Maunsell from St Kevin's Catholic Church, Eastwood.

Without a doubt one of the great literary masterpieces is the story of Moby Dick.

This book was written by the American Herman Melville (1819-1891) and it was finally published in 1851.

I recall a poignant scene in the book when the tough weathered one legged skipper of the whaling ship Pequod Captain Ahab said to his crew; "If any of you here do not fear this whale and what it can do to you then I don't want you on board, so now decide."

The straight shooting Captain Ahab for me put the word fear for me into a completely new context. This context can also be applied to a number of other things in life such as a true alcoholic needs to have this fear towards alcohol as if he or she does not have it then it can in time destroy them.

We can apply this principle to other life addictions such as people who are addicted to drugs, gambling or online pornography.

The danger has to be appreciated and then ways to avoid its destructive path needs to be implemented.

The Corona virus is also destructive and it needs to be also feared in the context that I have shared. That is why we need to take seriously the need to physically isolate ourselves as distinct from socially isolate ourselves as well as implement strict personal hygiene habits.

The challenge to do so is before us all!

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS have been given a special Easter Prayer for an end to the virus.

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill (pictured) said Christians must look at the virus pandemic through the prism of spiritual knowledge, ask what this virus means and why the Lord allows this wound.

"God sent the virus that human civilisation may understand the limits of its own possibilities, and become aware of its own fragility; that we, without losing spiritual optimism, understand that God is necessary for everyone," he said.

"These circumstances must further strengthen our faith, and ensure that those who doubt can become believers.

"We pray, Lord our God, that you may preserve us from the pernicious epidemic that is moving against us and free your faithful from the death of body and soul.

"Give the sick healing and health, and to all of us grant your divine protection and intercession.

"We pray to you, O merciful Lord, respond with haste to our supplication and have mercy on us."

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EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL!

A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ALL READERS FROM JOHN F BOOTH AM, MANAGING EDITOR, THE WEEKLY TIMES

Dear Friends,

We are living in the most difficult and tumultuous times of our recent history with uncertain futures for us all.

However if we all work together for the Common Good we will come out the other end victorious if we maintain faith and hope and keep true to our beliefs in the dignity of Human Kind.

Let us all show charity to each other and try and observe the rules set by our leaders, no matter how draconian and unfair they may appear on the surface, to achieve our common goal of a more prosperous, healthy and happy tomorrow.

Hopefully we will all be able to celebrate together before too long when the present gloom will be but a memory of the past.

May God bless us all.

John

VALE NDT Northern Times District

Farewell Good Friend

It is with regret we observe the passing and closure of the Northern District Times after years of friendly rivalry and competition even though it was always a case of David v Goliath. The little local Independent TWT versus the multi Murdoch outfit. We will maintain our independence and strive to continue to serve our readers, advertisers and community for years to come.

JB's World

DAYLIGHT SAVING Time ended on Sunday for another six months. Thank goodness I say. What do you reckon?

Do you like it or does it drive you crazy like me every six months.

European Union has discussed scrapping it. If so I believe we should follow suit.

CARDINAL GEORGE PELL will celebrate Easter as a free man after the High Court quashed the conviction against him. Personally I always felt he was innocent and he maintained a true Christian perspective despite the accusations against him.

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ALAN JONES AO heads This Week's Birthday Honours List celebrating 77 meritorious years of achievement in many areas of influence across the range of education, sport, politics and more recently of broadcasting as King of Australian Radio on Sydney's 2GB and nationwide network.

JB has known **AJ** for well over 50 years since I first invited him to be guest speaker as Executive Director of the Employers Federation in the mid 60s at the Wallumetta Ryde & District Businessmen's Club at Ryde when Alan was in his mid twenties. At the time I thought this boy has talent and prospects.

After that we got to know each other better when he was coach at Balmain Tigers rugby league club although one of his local critics reckoned he couldn't coach grass to grow. But certainly he is acclaimed as coach of the all conquering Australian Wallabies. And he was a tennis champion in his youth. Goodonya Jonesy.

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AMBER BOOTH SAHOTA a **JB** favourite niece celebrates today in Pommieland where she was born the younger of three daughters to my twin brother **Dr Peter Arthur Booth** and **Margaret Barnier Booth. Amber** is now an accomplished artist with her own studio in London town.

Jenny Noble celebrates today as does also **Carol Tan** better half of hubby **Sim** along with **Margaret Goddard** of North Ryde RSL Bowling Club turning 92.

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Catherine Joan Beaton Russell daughter of the late Bro and **Gill Beaton** formerly of Ryde celebrates a golden year tomorrow at Bomaderry where she is deputy school principal same day as **Sharon Berther** a couple of years younger and living in Nashville and daughter of **Noelene Berther Gorman** and sister of **Russell** and **Jason Berther.**

MAUREEN BARNIER DEVEREAUX sister of **JB** twin brother **Peter's** better half **Margaret** celebrates Friday same day as **Elinor Higgins** and **Ruth Bouckley**. **Tony** and **Sylvia Abboud** celebrate 37 years wedded bliss Friday while **Nora** and **Artin Etmekdjian** celebrate 21 years.

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ANNE BRYCE former CEO of Achieve Australia Foundation celebrates Saturday same day as former Top Ryde Shopping Centre manager **Nathan Vincent** faces 46 candles on his birthday cake.

Thurai Thuraisingham parties Friday same day as **Peter Hansen** in Denmark and **Patrick** and **Yvonne Longfield** celebrate 17 years wedded bliss.

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Cath Lynch is back in town and celebrates her birthday Monday also as does **Victor Taffa** while **Thelma** and **Harold Latham** of West Ryde celebrate 58 years wedded bliss on Friday while **Dennis Leach** celebrates his birthday with better half **Carol Leach** at **Roden Cutler** Lodge Gordon who on April 4 celebrated 32 years wedded bliss.

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Sue Sweet Byrne who as a five-year-old was flower girl at the wedding at St Philip's church Eastwood of her auntie **Margaret Barnier** to **JB's** twin brother **Dr Peter Arthur Booth** celebrates Wednesday with greetings from her childen **Andrew** and **Bregitta** who is now married and living in Paris.

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BUMPER STICKER: There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage!

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-Keep Smiling!
-JOHN F BOOTH

LETTERS to the Editor

Over reacting to Coronavirus?

Dear Sir,
American commentator Rush Limbaugh has said sixty million Americans were infected with the Swine Flu in 2009 resulting in 274,304 hospitalisations and 12,469 deaths.

There was no media panic then and no trashing of President Barack Obama and no travel ban.

You don't even remember it!

Are we over-reaching to the Wu Flu? Do we have it out of all proportion?

What do you think?

JIM SIMPSON
Five Dock

Asian migrants add to economy

Dear Sir,
It is concerning to see the rising xenophobia aimed at Asian people in Australia and abroad over the COVID-19 pandemic.

We know that in such times, concern can quickly turn into hysteria, which can lead to scapegoating.

As a multi-cultural community, we should pledge to ensure that Asian people feel safe and supported, and to combat attacks and stereotyping on social media.

We know from history that such fear-mongering can be devastating.

Australian multiculturalism has always been a nation-building endeavour that has strengthened the national identity and has been committed to facilitating an environment where migrants can fully participate and add value to the economy.

This significant cornerstone of the Australian economy must be preserved and nurtured in order to face the challenges posed by the pandemic.

To progress as a nation, we must stay united. As the saying goes: "united we stand, divided we fall."

GARY PATNI
Marsfield

LETTERS Welcome

TWT welcomes letters from our readers. Full name, address and telephone number MUST be supplied, even if not for publication. Send to: TWT PO Box 123, Ryde 1680 or email: contactus@weeklytimes.com.au

Our politicians 'do know best'!

Dear Sir,
Quote: "Family and community life is being destroyed by the strict conditions imposed on us all by those who think they know best." (TWT Cathie's Column April 1).

News for you Editor they do know best.

These "draconian steps" are to stop Australia from the fate of Italy, Spain, USA and originally China.

This type of evocative statement I would expect from the shoulda, woulda, coulda brigade! Not worthy of TWT very disappointed!!

ANN COLLESS
Putney

Hunters Hill Teddy Bears bring joy during the virus

If you head down Hunters Hill today, you're sure of a big surprise!

Local residents are this week joining a worldwide movement to place teddy bears in front windows to bring some joy to people who are aged or otherwise restricted due to a chronic illness.

Councillor Elizabeth Krassoi said this teddy bear's picnic initiative is a delightful way to show that Hunters Hill residents care for each other.

"Some of our residents have passed on teddy bears from one generation to the next and some of these beautiful bears are of heritage significance," she said.

"To have a little bear waving to you from a window is a small gesture that can mean a lot to someone who is isolated and feels lonely."

Getting involved in the teddy bear initiative is easy.

Simply put a teddy bear in a window or veranda of your home so it is visible from the street for passers-by to spot on a walk or drive past.

Children are encouraged to tally up how many bears they can find.

To see images of the bears visit: news@huntershill.nsw.gov.au

Hunters Hill Guest Column

Time in the Tomb? An Easter Message

The earliest Christians were Jewish, as was Jesus, and as such they abided by Jewish laws and traditions.

Their day begun as the sun went down of an evening, and concluded as the sun went down.

So when it says that "on the third day Jesus rose from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:4) they calculate that by saying on Good Friday he died and was buried (day 1), and the sun went down which began Saturday (Sabbath or Shabbat for Jews), and the second day.

On Saturday evening as the sun went down began the third day.

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CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS vary regarding when the resurrection occurred, but the scriptures reveal that some time during that night (Saturday evening and Sunday morning) Jesus rose from the dead, as we hear when Mary Magdalene arrived, it was still dark (John 20:1).

We then hear a quite peculiar thing, that as the other disciples arrive when they go into the tomb they discover the linen that Jesus had been wrapped in was lying neatly where he had been, and the cloth that was on his head had been rolled up nearby (John 20: 6-10).

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To The POINT
with Rev'd MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

WHY AM I telling you this? Because Jesus must have been resurrected and stayed in the tomb long enough to neatly fold his grave clothes!

This sounds bizarre. Maybe Jesus was OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder!) and needed to tidy before he left, or maybe like many of us, isolated in our homes, which feels a but like a tomb, Jesus was alive, and waiting for release!

It is no doubt a difficult time for all of us, and some are finding it tougher than others.

However, we know that this time is essential if we are to preserve life, and to show true love for our neighbours and ourselves.

I know many are using this time to do some of those things that they have perhaps put off for some time, cleaning and DIY (perhaps a little like Jesus was doing while waiting).

What you might also be encouraged to do is to use some of this time to connect with the One who is sitting in our tombs with us, Jesus, and waiting patiently with us.

This is a great time to pray, and to meditate upon Jesus, because we know that he is the one who knows how we feel, and is able to take that on board, and most importantly, if we allow him, he will transform our fears, our anxiety, our concerns and our pain, to life giving gifts of peace, hope, love and even joy – even in our tombs.

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SO MY PRAYER for you, and for me, as we spend this strange Easter in our tombs, is that we might allow Jesus to be with us in that space, breathing life into us as we sit and wait.

May we, on the other side of this time, as our stones are rolled away and we are able to enter our world again, come out not only with some DIY and a clean house, but hearts that have been transformed through the love of God, and be a resurrected people.

Prayers and blessings upon you, and yours, for this Easter!

REV'D MICHAEL ARMSTRONG IS RECTOR, ANGLICAN PARISH OF HUNTERS HILL.

HUNTERS HILL NEWS

Community News

Enjoying the great outdoors safely

Hunters Hill is blessed with a wealth of beautiful recreation areas in which to enjoy some exercise and appreciate the great outdoors. However it is important to observe State and Federal Government directives aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19. If you are stepping out for fresh air, please remember:

- practice physical distancing of 1.5 metres
- picnics, parties and any gatherings with more than two people are not allowed
- personal trainers can only have one client at a time
- stay home if sick.

NSW Police have the power to deliver on-the-spot fines of up to $1,000 to individuals who breach these rules.

COVID-19 Updates

Stay informed

Our community has been feeling the ripple effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Council's priority is to keep our community safe and informed, with accurate information about COVID-19.

You can find up-to-date information on our website:
www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/covid19

We are phoning residents, in an effort to ensure community members have access to services, especially the elderly or those self-isolating and unable to get supplies.

Park'nPay

App goes live in Hunters Hill

Drivers in Hunters Hill can now pay for parking and top up from their phones, with the NSW Government's Park'nPay app going live in our council area. It also helps drivers avoid parking fines, by sending a notification when their meter is running low or their park is about to turn into a no stopping zone. For more information go to Council's website or www.parknpay.nsw.gov.au

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We are keeping our community safe

HUNTERS HILL HAPPENINGS with Mayor MARK BENNETT

As our community adapts to the challenges presented by COVID-19, our priority at Hunter's Hill Council continues to be the health and safety of our staff and residents.

We are working hard to balance the continued delivery of service with the welfare of all in our municipality and Council is responding rapidly in line with the ever-changing national and global situation.

In keeping with the scaled-up social distancing measures announced recently by State and Federal authorities, our outdoor playgrounds and skate parks are closed.

Exercise remains an important part of maintaining health and well-being during this time of social distancing. While Hunters Hill is fortunate to have so many outdoor recreation areas for all to enjoy, it's important that restrictions on public gatherings, which have been reduced to a maximum of two people, excluding household members, are adhered to and that people are only heading out to exercise, not to congregate. If you do go out, please remember to stay 1.5 metres from other people at all times.

Our Customer Service Centre is not receiving 'walk-ins', our team continues to deliver service over the phone, via email and through our website.

We have also been checking in over the phone with calls to residents, in an effort to ensure everyone in our community has access to the services they need, especially the elderly or those self-isolating and unable to get supplies. Please contact our team on 9879 9400 if you know of anyone who need helps.

Most importantly, we want to keep our community informed. I would encourage you to sign up to our email newsletter and follow our social media pages, details of which can be found on our website: www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au.

Over Easter, please remember to stay home unless you are shopping for essentials, receiving medical care, exercising or travelling to employment in instances where you can't work remotely.

While we continue to face many challenges, Easter is an opportunity to think of friends and family and of how we can continue to support those in need in our community.

It's time to maximize your use of the ever-evolving world of remote social connection and make good use of your phone to keep yourself and others socially connected.

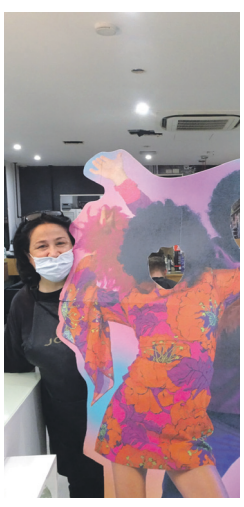
Mark A. Bennett
Mayor of Hunters Hill

Easter Specials at Cox's Road Mall

NEW SHOP OPENING

It's all happening at Cox's Road Mall this Easter!

We have the Grand Opening of the new Discount Variety Store with bargains galore, pictured above. David's Larder The Scottish Butcher is running hot keeping David MacDonald from Dundee on the trot, pictured right. And the award winning Just Hair is a fun place for a touch of beauty. TWT on-the-spot PHOTOS.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MEMBER FOR LANE COVE, MR ANTHONY ROBERTS

FREE TAFE COURSES TO SUPPORT NSW IN PANDEMIC

A suite of 21 fee-free TAFE NSW short courses are available online to assist anyone in Lane Cove who wants to upskill during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts, said "the pandemic response has had a dramatic effect on communities and working life, but these select courses will assist job seekers and workers looking to diversify their skills during these times."

"The NSW Government understands that circumstances have changed for a lot of people and business owners, which means the way they work and how they conduct their business has also changed," Mr Roberts said.

"The TAFE NSW fee-free accredited courses will contribute to helping businesses stay in business and people stay in jobs. It's vital we keep people employed and ensure we have the ability to rebound when things do improve."

"I understand that many industries are in hibernation, so using this period to upskill for the future is time well spent," said Mr Roberts.

The 21 short courses include:

- eMarketing for Small Business;
- Engaging Customers Using Social Media;
- Writing and Presentation Skills;
- Computing Skills;
- Team Leader Skill Set; and
- Administration Skills for Team Leaders.

TAFE NSW Managing Director Steffen Faurby said the organisation is committed to ensuring people have access to first-class, customised training to meet their needs.

"For over 130 years, TAFE NSW has been preparing the State's workforce for the jobs of tomorrow and it is no different during this time," Mr Faurby said.

* More information, including a full list of courses, is available at www.tafensw.edu.au or by calling 131 601.

FUNDING TO COMBAT ISOLATION FOR SENIORS

NSW seniors at risk of social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic will be the focus of $600,000 in funding to keep our older community connected.

Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts, urged eligible organisations to "apply for the grants ranging from $10,000 to $100,000."

"While more seniors are staying at home to protect their health, we do not want to create an epidemic of loneliness in our community," Mr Roberts said.

"Our most vulnerable age groups are being advised to follow social distancing rules, so face to face catch-ups and normal daily routines have become difficult."

Applications for the Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors During COVID-19 grants program are now open until April 26.

"We want to fund innovative ideas to help seniors keep in touch by utilising phone calls, online platforms or other methods of communication," said Mr Roberts.

"With so many seniors now missing their regular social activities, we want to encourage programs which foster inclusion and encourage positive social outcomes."

"Social inclusion is a key priority of the NSW Ageing Strategy and is part of the NSW Government's key commitment to meet the needs of our ageing population," concluded Mr Roberts.

* For more information: www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/combatting-social-isolation-for-seniors <http://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/combatting-social-isolation-for-seniors>

** Seniors are urged to get the latest COVID-19 information at: www.health.nsw.gov.au <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MEMBER FOR LANE COVE, MR ANTHONY ROBERTS

Protect yourself against the flu

With the 2020 flu season not far away, the Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts, is "encouraging those in my electorate to book in for a vaccination against seasonal influenza during April – particularly people in vulnerable groups or age brackets."
"You can speak to your GP, pharmacist or aged care provider to arrange a flu shot."
"We currently find ourselves in extraordinary times as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, and this year it's even more important to be vigilant about the flu," he said

"Expert medical advice is that everyone aged six months and over should be vaccinated against influenza to protect themselves and others."
"It's also important to remember that from 1 May, all aged care workers and visitors must have been vaccinated against seasonal influenza to enter an aged care facility."
Mr Roberts says "there are now free vaccinations available. This provides free vaccines to those most at risk, including:

- Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy;
- People aged 65 years and older;
- People aged six months and older with certain medical risk factors; and
- For the first time, all children aged between six months and five years.

"Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, there are strong national requirements for all Australians to stay home unless they are undertaking essential activities, however it is permissible to leave home for medical or other health care needs, including attending an appointment for a flu vaccine," Mr Roberts said.
I strongly encourage the people of Lane Cove to stay up to date with the latest information on the COVID-19 pandemic at www.australia.gov.au.

The Honourable
Anthony Roberts MP
Member for Lane Cove

If you require assistance please contact my office 9817 4757

PARLIAMENT NSW

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8 April, 2020

As everyone knows – I have opposed the Meriton 63 Storey Development at Macquarie Park from day one. I am deeply disappointed with the decision from NSW Planning to allow this Development to go to the next stage. The below sequence of events is fully documented and I would be happy to provide all documents to constituents on request.

18 December 2017
Council enters into an agreement with Meriton whereby they would support a 63 storey rezoning in exchange for a financial contribution ('the deal'). Council writes a letter to the Department of Planning requesting approval to implement Meriton's 63 storey proposal.

7 March 2018
Planning gives their final determination at Gateway recommending the planning proposal proceed. The Northern District Times broke the story and Council said it was the best deal they could negotiate with the developer.

4 December 2018
After intense community backlash, Council publicly reversed their decision, however by this stage their deal was already done, and the proposal had already gone through Gateway.

28 February 2020
Department of Planning approves rezoning as per Council's initial request.

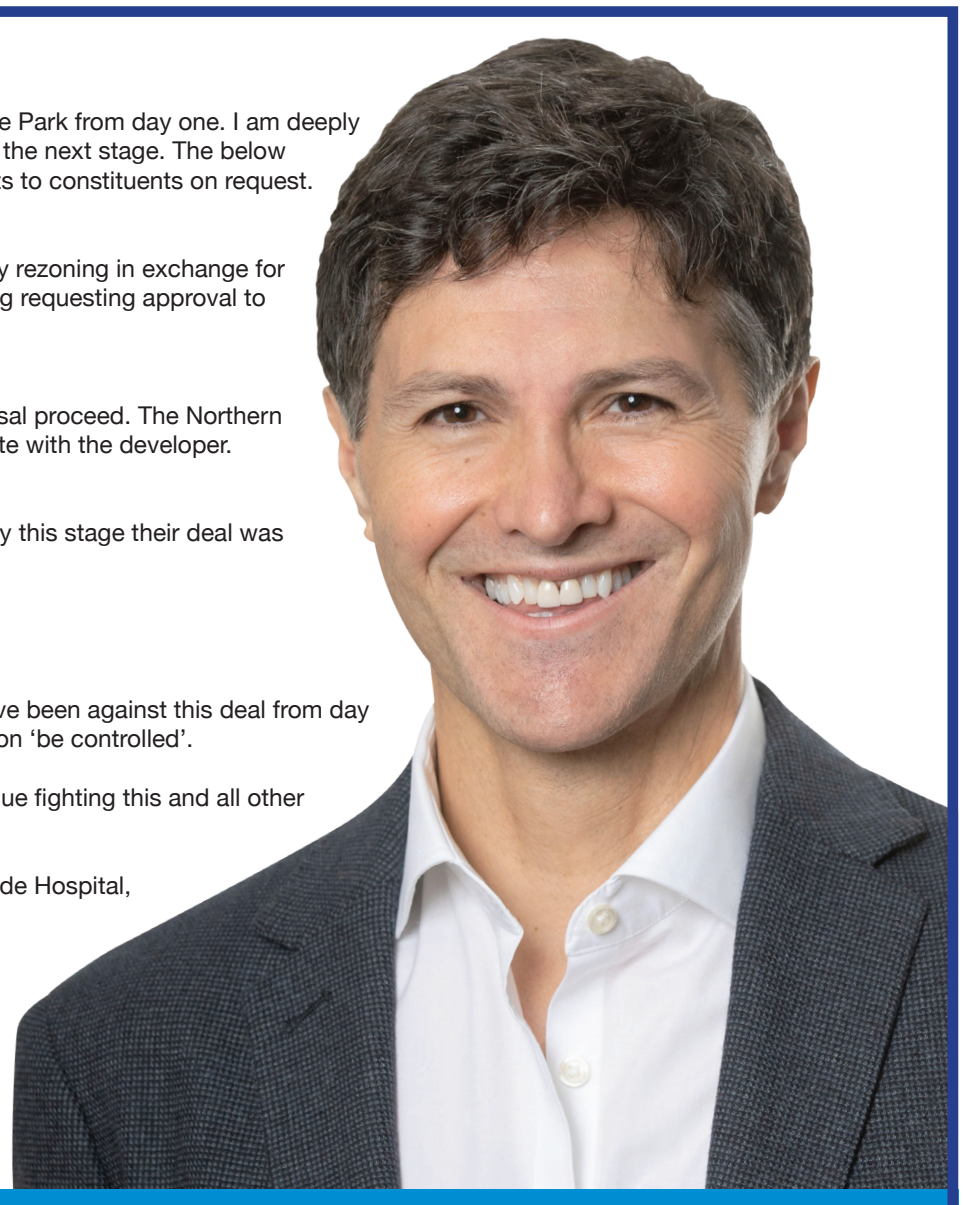
As I have indicated publically before I am bitterly disappointed with this decision. I have been against this deal from day one to such an extent that Meriton wrote a letter to the Premier asking for my opposition 'be controlled'.

I refuse to 'be controlled' when it comes to supporting my community, and I will continue fighting this and all other forms of overdevelopment that place an unfair burden on our community.

I will also continue to focus on building the new schools, the $500 million rebuild of Ryde Hospital, widening Victoria Road, and completing the $100 million interchange at Herring Road.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Victor Dominello MP
Member for Ryde



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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS **DETERMINED**

The following Development Applications were determined in the period 23/03/2020 to 29/03/2020. The reasons for the decision can be viewed by accessing Council's DA Tracker at: **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices**

Central Ward Approved

LDA2019/0279
50 Hancott St RYDE
Demolition, new two storey dwelling.

LDA2019/0342
45 Anzac Ave
DENISTONE
Alterations to ground floor and addition of a first floor.

LDA2019/0427
21 Hinkler Ave RYDE
New two storey dwelling and attached secondary dwelling.

LDA2020/0059
54 Ford St NORTH RYDE
New part one/part two storey dwelling.

East Ward Approved

LDA2019/0062
5 Walker St PUTNEY
Alterations and additions to dwelling.

LDA2019/0373
499 Victoria Rd RYDE
Alteration and additions to Fintan O'Neill Building (Block A) to enable disabled access to the building.

LDA2019/0377
61A Wharf Rd
GLADESVILLE
Boundary adjustment and Torrens Title subdivision.

LDA2020/0017
20 Kellaway St
EAST RYDE
Alterations and additions to dwelling.

LDA2020/0062
74 Moncrieff Dr
EAST RYDE
Internal alterations to dwelling.

MOD2020/0050
35 Fisher Ave RYDE
Section 4.55 to delete condition 3 relating to surface water.

Refused

LDA2019/0433
33/297-307 Victoria Rd
GLADESVILLE
Change in operating hours of existing gym from 8.00am to 10.00pm, to 5.00am to 11.00pm and consent to use free weights.

West Ward Approved

LDA2019/0314
68 Tarrants Ave
EASTWOOD
Ground floor alterations and additions to dwelling.

LDA2019/0357
24 Miriam Rd DENISTONE
Alterations and additions to dwelling.

LDA2019/0358
25 O'Keefe Cr
EASTWOOD
New two storey dwelling.

LDA2019/0377
8A Pile St GLADESVILLE
Boundary adjustment and Torrens Title subdivision.

LDA2019/0385
1 Keiley St MARSFIELD
Demolition, new four bedroom group home under State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009.

LDA2020/0041
7 Adelaide St WEST RYDE
Torrens Title subdivision of existing dual occupancy.

MOD2020/0024
159-161 Epping Rd
MACQUARIE PARK
Section 4.55 to modify consent staging to 2 stages.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS **RECEIVED**

Property: 68 Blaxland Road, Ryde - The Royal Hotel
Local Development Application No. LDA2020/0089
Applicant: Patrick Gallagher

Alterations to gaming room of existing hotel, and extend hours of operation from 2.00am to 4.00am, Monday to Saturday.

Property: 73 Rowe Street, Eastwood
Local Development Application No. LDA2020/0093
Applicant: Eastwood Mart

Internal alterations and change of use to a licensed supermarket.

Submissions regarding the above applications must be lodged no later than **29 April 2020.**

Anyone may make submissions to Council. Submissions are required to be in writing. They should be addressed to the General Manager and sent by post, email or dropped off at the Ryde Library's after hours chute. A submission by way of objection should specify the grounds of objection. The City of Ryde has resolved that all submissions received in relation to rezoning and development applications will be publicly accessible on request. The supply of personal information is voluntary. However if you choose to make an anonymous submission it may be given less weight (or no weight) in the overall consideration of the application. An electronic copy of the plans and details accompanying the above applications can be viewed online at **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/majorda** during the notification period.

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Customer Service Centre: 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670
P: 9952 8222 **E:** cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund grants - Applications now open

Applications have opened for the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund.

The City of Ryde Council fund is available to eligible businesses which are encouraged to apply for support grants of up to $2,000.

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Mayor Jerome Laxale said the Council moved quickly to open applications for the hardship fund given how bad the economic situation has become for many businesses.

"With the support of the community, Council has established this hardship fund to support businesses that have ground to a halt due to the COVID-19 outbreak," Mayor Laxale said.

"These funds will help small businesses in Eastwood pay staff and keep their businesses operational during this difficult time.

"Residents tell us that they love our town centres.

"This is one of many measures we have put in to ensure they survive during the COVID-19 crisis"

The $500,000 Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund has been established to assist businesses that have experienced severe economic hardship as a result of misinformation and rumours being spread since the first case of coronavirus (COVID-19) was identified in Australia in January.

More information about the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, including the eligibility criteria and the application form, is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ESBHF.

Applications are open until April 30 this year.

In addition to the hardship fund, the City of Ryde is also proposing a range of other financial measures to assist local businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Over the next six months, these will include waiving outdoor dining fees payable by cafes and restaurants and waiving health inspection and compliance fees, waiving fire safety certification fees and waiving filming application fees

The inspections will still be undertaken during this time.

The Council is currently considering all applications for rent deferrals submitted by café and restaurant owners operating from a Council premises.

These additional measures are now on public exhibition until April 28.

For more information and to provide a submission visit the Have Your Say section of the City of Ryde website.

"As the COVID-19 outbreak develops, Council will continually try and identify ways to support everyone in the community throughout the COVID-19 crisis," Mayor Laxale said

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It was created by artists at Paper House who were inspired by Aussie classics like Possum Magic and Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, as well as the Australian landscape watercolours of Albert Namatjira..

It's not a long game but it's a beautiful way of sharing an Australian storybook experience that is very heartwarming and cute.

To watch a trailer go to Youtube and type in"Paperbark Trailer"

City of Ryde

Your City News

Applications open for Small Business Hardship Fund

Applications are now open for the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund.

The $500,000 hardship fund has been established to assist businesses that experienced severe economic hardship as a result of misinformation and rumours being spread since the first case of coronavirus (COVID-19) was confirmed in Australia in January.

I would encourage all eligible businesses to apply for a support grant of up to $2,000 under the hardship fund. Applications are open until Thursday 30 April.

For more information about the hardship fund, including the eligibility criteria and the application form, visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ESBHF.**

Further financial assistance measures proposed by Council

In addition to the hardship fund, the City of Ryde is also proposing a range of other financial measures to assist local businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak.

These include waiving outdoor dining fees payable by cafés and restaurants, health inspection and compliance fees, fire safety certification fees and filming application fees.

Council is also proposing to consider all applications for rent deferrals submitted by café and restaurant owners operating from a Council premise.

These additional measures are on public exhibition until Tuesday 28 April. For more information and to provide a submission visit the Have Your Say section of the City of Ryde website at **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay.**

For ratepayers, Council has agreed to arrange a fast-tracked process for financial hardship applications and look at ways to simplify the process for our rates hardship policy. We will also consider our budget as well as rates, fees and charges at this month's Council meeting.

Playgrounds, outdoor gyms and Meadowbank Skate Park closed

A reminder to everyone that all City of Ryde playgrounds, outdoor gyms and the Meadowbank Skate Park are closed until further notice.

These closures follow a direction from the Federal Government as a way to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Anyone who sees a member of the public using these facilities should contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at **nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.**

COVID-19 hub

For the latest up-to-date information on COVID-19 I would encourage everyone to visit the dedicated COVID-19 hub on the City of Ryde website at **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/covid19**.

This has the most up-to-date information including news, frequently asked questions and status updates on Council services.

You can also follow the City of Ryde on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest announcements.

Happy Easter

On behalf of the City of Ryde, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

While this is a challenging period, I hope everyone can have a happy and fun-filled break.

Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale
Mayor
Phone 9952 8222
mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

PUBLIC **EXHIBITION**

Council is proposing to implement measures to support small business and introduce the waiving of fees for some parts of Council.

These initiatives are being publicly exhibited prior to a proposed resolution by Council to grant the following:

Small Business Support - Initiatives to assist small business to continue and recover from the COVID-19 health crisis

In addition to the support and stimulus packages being offered by the Federal and NSW Governments, Council is considering a suite of financial support measures including:

- Waiving fees payable for outdoor dining – cafés and restaurants (in view of the restrictions placed on these operations)
- Waiving certain fees and charges (such as inspection fees) – cafés and restaurants (in view of the restrictions placed on these operations)
- Commercial tenants – cafés and restaurants in Council premises – rent deferral (after discussions with tenants and consideration on a case-by-case basis)
- Other small business initiatives – waiving certain certification fees; waiving filming application fees; consideration of rent deferral from Council tenants.

Waiver of fees - swim schools and carnivals, sportsgrounds and parks, library fines and notice period for venues

Council is proposing to waive library fines and cancellation fees for swim schools, swimming carnivals, sportsgrounds and parks between January and June 2020, while also waiving the notice period for cancellations at Council venues during the same time period.

It is proposed that Council waive the following:

- Cancellation fee for swim schools and swimming carnivals for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020 inclusive
- Cancellation fee for sporting fields or parks for the period 1 March to 30 June 2020
- Notice period required for cancellations for venue hire for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020
- Library fines associated with the late return or loss of items for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020.

How do I make a submission?

Submissions must be made in writing to the City of Ryde and marked as 'Small Business Support' or 'Waiving of Fees' via:

Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Post General Manager, City of Ryde,
Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Online **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay**

Closing date for submissions is **Monday 27 April 2020.**

ADVICE ON PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

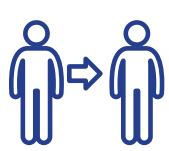
For further information on Council's response to COVID-19, visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/covid19.**

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser.

Cover your sneeze or cough with an elbow or tissue and avoid close contact with people who are ill.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Stay home if you are sick.



Maintain a social distance of 1.5 metres.

Limit indoor and outdoor non-essential gathering to 2 people.

Self-isolate if you have COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who does or arrived in Australia after midnight on 15 March 2020.

LIBRARY ONLINE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Ryde Library Service will be offering online programs and events for both children and adults during this time, please check website for details at **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library**

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Ribs:
Beef Ribs $27
Pork Ribs $29

** This is only a small sample of menu*

Fermenti tackling covid-19 – local Italian restaurant turns part Italian Grocer

Locals supporting locals

This is the kind of nimble pivoting of small businesses that NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has been pushing for.

Fermenti chefs Raffaele and Vincenzo have tackled this challenge head-on and have changed their business model during these difficult times.

The hospitality industry has taken a massive hit during the coronavirus pandemic and Fermenti are the latest to show their innovation.

With grocery shopping proving difficult at supermarkets, Raffaele and Vincenzo have added Italian grocer to their resumes.

Woodfired sourdough bread, packaged dry pasta and pasta sauce have proven to be a big hit in their first week of sale.

With the addition of flour and antipasto to hit shelves this week, this is one way to get the shopping done and avoid large crowds.

"The grocery shop helps people access basic items like pasta that are no longer on the shelves at Coles and importantly, it also gives us the opportunity to bring some of our staff back" said Vincenzo.

Fermenti's woodfire pizza oven that was flown in from Italy, is now being put to use to make woodfired sourdough bread. Baked daily and priced at only $5, they have been in very high demand.

The young chefs have recognised that many people are spending more time at home cooking but may get stuck for ideas or want that extra bit of quality.

Fermenti have come to the rescue and are now offering fresh handmade pasta and their signature pasta sauces that are ready to be cooked at home.

There are four different types of handmade pasta and pasta sauces that can be pre-ordered and will add the wow factor to your next home meal. The order form is available on www.fermenti.com.au

"The local community have shown us so much support – if we can help to supply quality grocery items and make home cooking easier, it is the least we can do" said Raffaele.

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Parramatta News and Views

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City of Parramatta playgrounds and skate parks closed to help protect people from coronavirus

The City of Parramatta Council has closed 150 playgrounds and skate parks until further notice in line with new restrictions on outdoor public gatherings due to the virus..

The closures include council managed skate facilities, playground and outdoor gym equipment across the Local Government Area, including Parramatta Skate Park, Telopea Skate Park and West Epping Skate Park.

There has been no closures of walking tracks (pictured) announced although outdoor fitness equipment has been closed at all sites in Epping, Rydalmere, Ermington, Parramatta and North Parramatta.

For a full list of Council's playgrounds, visit the City of Parramatta website.

In other news the Council has implemented a range of additional cleaning measures across the City of Parramatta.

These include the addition of disinfectant in water used to spray and sweep pavements daily in the Parramatta CBD and weekly in regional centres.

The Council has also undertaken the sanitisation of water stations, bins, street furniture, pedestrian buttons on traffic lights and other equipment in the CBD, regional and local centres.

There will also be more frequent cleaning of public toilets.

In other news, the Council is seeking feedback from the community on the concept design plans for upgrades to Sturt and Acacia parks in Telopea, to be funded by the NSW Government.

Lord Mayor Bob Dwyer said the proposed designs would greatly improve the park's facilities and help meet the current and future needs of local residents and businesses.

"I look forward to receiving the community's feedback on Council's proposed concept designs for the important upgrades to Sturt and Acacia parks," he said.

"The City of Parramatta is committed to improving green spaces and public facilities to serve our growing communities.

"These facilities are used by locals on a regular basis, so it is important that Council involves residents in the design and planning process, to ensure the upgrades meet their needs."

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CITY OF PARRAMATTA

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development Applications Determined

Notice is given in accordance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the determination of the following Development Consents and/or Complying Development Certificates. These consents/refusals are electronically available for public inspection via the My Development Portal on Council's website **cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au**

APPROVED – CITY OF PARRAMATTA

CARLINGFORD

DA/644/2019
68 Dandarbong Avenue (Lot 3 DP 29078)

Earthworks, construction of a retaining wall and landscaping works.

Decision Date: 09/03/2020

EASTWOOD

DA/817/2018/A
57 Epping Avenue (Lot 153 DP 8424)

Section 4.55(2) modification to DA/817/2018 for alterations & additions to existing dwelling including the construction of an inground swimming pool and a detached garage located at the rear of the dwelling. The modifications include: remove hip end roof with gable ended roof, extend the swimming pool deck area, increase the height of the rear addition and decrease the overall floor to ceiling at the rear addition.

Decision Date: 10/03/2020

REFUSED – CITY OF PARRAMATTA

CARLINGFORD

DA/748/2019
10 Alamein Avenue (Lot 26 DP 222728)

Use of former garage as secondary dwelling and minor alterations.

Decision Date: 11/03/2020

Lord Mayor, Cr Bob Dwyer | Chief Executive Officer, Brett Newman
To contact the Lord Mayor follow the link at
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

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MULTICULTURAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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You'll be a contact point for anyone struggling to find help and support in their own language.

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It is alleged the couple noticed the accused 35 year old man - who is also from Gladesville - in their bedroom, who hit the deceased man on the head with the guitar before fleeing the unit.

He suffered critical head injuries and was treated in the Intensive Care Unit at Royal North Shore Hospital where he died.

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